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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settelment. The issue was brought about by the former administration that simply did not understand the technology industry. They ignored one of the things that makes our country the best in the world, our free enterprise system. Then to top it all off, they extended their socialistic philosophy to apply antiquated antitrust laws to a band new industry.

In the free market, Microsoft rose to the top because they had the best products. Their products are user friendly and Microsoft has made them very easy to integrate and at lower cost than the alternitives. It is no wonder that where people had a choice most choose Microsoft software. Under the terms of the settelment Microsoft has agreed to allow computer makers the flexibility to install and promote any software they see fit. Microsoft has also agreed not to enter into any agreement that would require a computer maker to use a fixed percentage of Microsoft software. I beleive that computer makers will continue to predominatly pre install Microsoftware because it is the best and most computer buyers will chose a Microsoft windows based computer when making a new perchase. This is not a monopoly problem, Microsft simply is, supplying a better product and most people know it.

My experiance as supervisor of an electric power generation plant for over 15 years, offered me the oppertunity to try many brands of computer software products and computer equipment. What I found over time was that even when cost was not a consideration, products that were not Microsft based, did not perform satisfactorly. Microsoft products and windows based computers were simply the best. On top of that we experianced significant savings over other options. Sure Microsoft has made a lot of money, but can you imagine the cost to the people of our nation if Microsoft and all they have provided for us vanished or had never existed? This is my plea for justice in our mecanized and technological society.

Microsoft has gotten to where they are by developing better products, not by crushing their competitors. This suit and the fact it has gone on for over three years is simply mind-boggling. It is time to end it. DO NOT PUNISH MICROSOFT FOR BEING BETTER. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settelment.

Sincerely,

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